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REMARKS

Claims 5 and 7 have been amended to remove the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as set out in greater detail below. Claim 6 has been amended 5 to preempt a similar rejection to that claim also as set out below. Claims 1-7, 18-21 and 26 remain in this application and stand for examination. Reconsideration is requested in view of today's amendments which applicant submits should 10 overcome the sole remaining rejection of the Examiner as set out in the December 22, 2005 action.

Rejection of claims 5 and 7 for indefiniteness

The Examiner rejects claims 5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing new matter.

The Examiner is quite correct in that there is no 15 disclosure of the air passageway releasing air both above and below the panel member. Rather, as set out in the specification at page 25, lines 7-24, the air passageway 301 has two separate configurations. In the first configuration, 20 openings 302 in the passageway 301 allow air to be released below the panel member 300. In the second configuration, the air openings 303 are provided in the panel member 300 to allow air to be released above the panel member 300. There is no disclosure of air being released simultaneously both above and below the panel member 300.

25 By today's amendment to claim 5, it is made clear that air is released above the panel member 300 in the second configuration described above and by today's amendment to claim 7, it is made clear that air is released above the panel member 300 by way of perforations extending 30 through the panel member 300. Similarly, today's amendment to claim 6 makes it clear that the perforations in the side of the air passageway thereby allow air to escape below the panel member.

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In view of the above, applicant submits that this case is now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and removal of the rejection is requested and allowance of claims 1-7, 18-21 and 26 is solicited.

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